

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment does not include the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicant, respectfully, requests that the above amendment be entered in and that the claims to the present application be, kindly, reconsidered.

The Office Action dated June 8, 2004 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 1-5 and 8-20 stand rejected and Claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn by the June 8, 2004 Office Action.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-5, 8-9, and 10-20 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that a broad range or limitation together with a narrow range or limitation that falls within the broad range or limitation is considered indefinite, since the resulting claim does not clearly set forth the metes and bounds of the patent protection desired.

The Examiner states that Claim 1 recites the broad recitation A device, and the claim also recites an electroluminescent display device which is the narrower statement of the limitation "a device". The foregoing amendment to claims has corrected this oversight.

The Examiner making the rejection with regard to Claims 2-5, and 8-9 states that the recitation of "A device" should be changed to "the device" being dependent on Claim 1. The foregoing amendment to the claims has corrected these oversights.

The Examiner states that Claim 10 recites the limitation "allows pressure inside the cavity to escape into the channel" which renders the claim 10 vague and indefinite. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, Claim 10 has been amended to indicate that the channel is configured with respect the cavity in order to allow pressure inside the cavity to escape into the channel. The Applicant, respectfully, submits that Claim 10 as amended to clearly identifies how pressure can escape from the cavity into the channel.

The Office Actions rejects Claims 10-20 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.

§102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2000100562 issued to Norihiro (hereinafter referred to as Norihiro).

The Examiner making the rejection with regard to Claim 10, states that Norihiro discloses an electroluminescent display device (10), comprising two parts (20,12) which define a cavity (22) for accommodating an electroluminescent element (16), and which are sealed together by means of a thermosetting adhesive (30) present at the interface of the two parts (20, 12), characterized in that at least one channel (26) is provided in the interface, that allows thermosetting adhesive (30) to escape into the channel during manufacturing of the device. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. As the Examiner has pointed out, Norihiro discloses that channel (26) allows thermosetting adhesive (30) to escape into the channel during manufacturing. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that rejected Claim 10 recites the channel that allows pressure inside the cavity to escape into the channel during manufacturing. Norihiro discloses that a channel (26) that allows the thermosetting adhesive (30) to escape into the channel and not pressure inside the cavity as recited by rejected Claim 10. Accordingly, all the features that defined by rejected Claim 10 are not found by the cited prior art reference, Norihiro. The Applicant would like to, respectfully, point out that the foregoing amendment to Claim 10 as discussed above more clearly defines that the channel is arranged with respect to the cavity to allow pressure to escape from the cavity into the channel during manufacturing. Therefore, the applicant submits that the above discussed amendment to rejected Claim 10 should also make it more readily apparent that the subject matter defined by rejected Claim 10 is not disclosed as suggested by the teachings of Norihiro. Accordingly, while this rejection is respectfully traversed, he should be noted that the foregoing amendment to Claim 10 further obviates this rejection.

Regarding Claim 11, the Examiner states that Norihiro discloses a device wherein a reservoir (28) for the adhesive (30) is present at one end of the channels 26. The Examiner states that this rejection is supported by lines 32 p. 3 of Norihiro. The Applicant would like to, respectfully, point out that reference 28 within Norihiro is a relief groove and not a reservoir. Therefore this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding Claim 12, the states that Norihiro discloses a device wherein a capillary reservoir is located at the end of the channels (26) that is farthest from the cavity

(22). The Applicants would like respectfully point out that point out that reference 28 within Norihiro is a relief groove and not a reservoir. Therefore this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Regarding Claim 13, the states that Norihiro discloses a device wherein one of the parts (20) has a rectangular interface with the channels (26) being located in one (or more) of the corners of the rectangular interface. The Applicants would like to, respectfully, point out that there is no rectangular interface between the channel with one or more parts is located at the corners within Norihiro as asserted by the Examiner. Accordingly this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding Claim 14, the Examiner states that Norihiro discloses a device comprising a substantially flat substrate (12) on which an electroluminescent element (16) is deposited and a preformed cover (20) of a sheet material, which is shaped to define part of the cavity (22), the channel(s) (26) and the reservoir 28. The Applicants would like to, respectfully, point out that Claim 14 depends from Claim 10, which is previously discussed is believed to be allowable, therefore claim 14 is also believed to be allowable.

Regarding Claim 15, the Examiner states that Norihiro discloses that the channel (26) is formed on one of the parts, on the substrate (12). The Applicants would like to, respectfully, point out that Claim 15 depends from Claim 10, which is previously discussed is believed to be allowable, therefore claim 14 is also believed to be allowable.

The Examiner making the rejection with regard to Claims 16-20 states that Norihiro discloses that the channels (26) allows pressure inside the cavity to force a portion of the thermosetting adhesive into the channel during manufacturing and become sealed by the thermosetting adhesive, thus provides a pressure relief for the thermosetting adhesive. The Applicants would like to, respectfully, point out that Norihiro makes no disclosure or suggestion for pressure inside the cavity to force portion of the thermosetting adhesive into the channel during manufacturing. There is no teaching or suggestion within Norihiro for pressure inside the cavity to released. Note that channel (26) has no openings, or other means, that allow pressure inside the cavity to released into or through channel (26). He should also be noted that pressure inside the cavity, or release of pressure inside the cavity, is not mentioned or suggested within Norihiro.

specifically pressure within said the cavity is not mentioned within paragraphs 7 or 15.

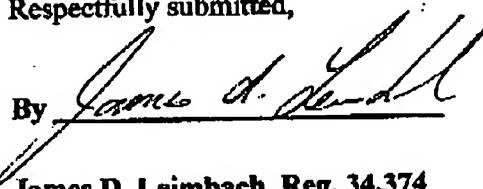
Accordingly this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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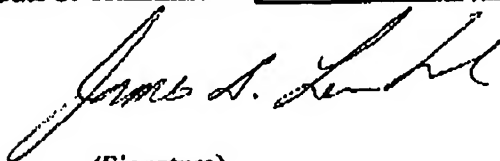


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